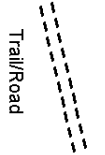
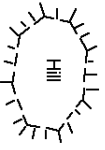


LAST CHARGE OF THE SAVOIA

August 24, 1942 saw the last successful mounted cavalry charge by the Italian 3rd Dragoons, Savoia Regt. After a day of maneuvering and skirmishing with the Russians in the Don Basin, on the morning of the 24th the Savoia's commander, Col. Bettoni, decided that if the Savoia acted fast they could catch the Russians off guard. He mounted up 3 companies and conducted a flanking attack while a dismounted company supported with heavy weapons pressed the front.

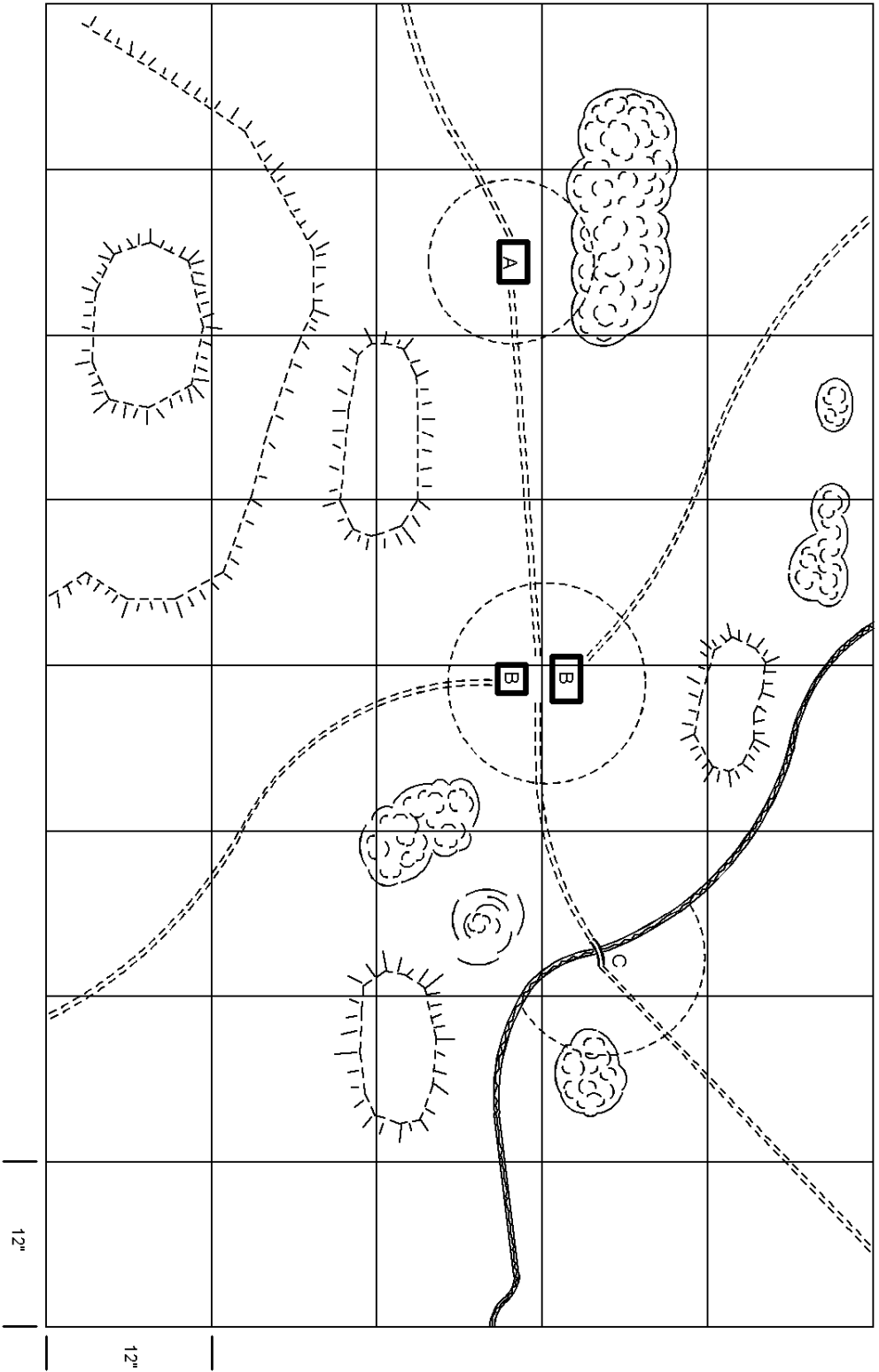
The Russian 812th Inf. Regt. was smashed, but not without serious casualties to the cavalry. 119 casualties (40 KIA) and 100 irreplaceable horses were lost. However, the morning's surprise attack inflicted 150 Soviet KIA/MIA and captured 900.

While the attack squashed the Russian bridgehead in the sector, the Savoia was essentially spent as a combat effective unit.



A B C
Objectives

Last Charge of the Savoia
Battleground WWII Peter B Landry



Last Charge of the Savoia

Italina oob Experienced on foot, Veteran while mounted

HQ coy

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|--------------|-------|
| 1 x Cmd | IT-26 |
| 2 x Rifle | IT-24 |
| 2 x LMG | IT-29 |
| 1 x 47mmATG | IT-22 |
| 2 x 75mm gun | IT-20 |
| 1 x FO | IT-27 |

Weapons support coy

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|--------------|-------|
| 1 x Cmd | IT-26 |
| 2 x MMG | IT-30 |
| 1 x 81mm mtr | IT-33 |

Dismounted coy (May not mount)

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|--------------|-------|
| 1 x Cmd | IT-26 |
| 12 x Rifle | IT-24 |
| 1 x 45mm mtr | IT-32 |

3 x Mounted Coy (May dismount) - Use GE-102 for mounted Cav

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| 1 x Cmd | IT-26 |
| 10 x Rifle | IT-24 |

Russian oob Experienced

802nd HQ

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|--------------|-------|
| 1 x Cmd | RU-19 |
| 2 x Kommisar | RU-19 |
| 2 x Rifle | RU-17 |
| 2 x 82mm mtr | RU-27 |
| 1 x FO | RU-22 |

Coy A

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|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1 x Cmd | RU-19 |
| 1 x MMG | RU-25 |
| 12 x Rifle | RU-17 |
| 1 x 45mm ATG | RU-13 |
| 1 x Truck | RU-62 (ATG transport only) |

Coy B

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1 x Cmd | RU-19 |
| 1 x MMG | RU-25 |
| 12 x Rifle | RU-17 |
| 1 x 45mm ATG | RU-13 |
| 1 x Truck | RU-62 (ATG transport only) |

Coy C

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1 x Cmd | RU-19 |
| 1 x MMG | RU-25 |
| 12 x Rifle | RU-17 |
| 1 x 45mm ATG | RU-13 |
| 1 x Truck | RU-62 (ATG transport only) |

Special rules

Treat mounted Italian cav as armor for Russian maneuver roll mod (-2 for troops, gun, soft vehicle within 5")

A Kommisar gives a +1 maneuver roll modifier to all units within 5" and must be used if at all possible. Any squad with a panic result using the Kommisar modifier will be shot (removed from play). The Kommisar does not suffer suppression.

Setup as follows (see Map)

Before Russians set up, the Italians must decide where 2 mounted companies will enter the board on turn 1 and where 1 mounted company will enter on turn 2. Mounted companies can enter anywhere on any map edge.

Russians set up Companies A, B & C one per objective. A and B within 6" of a building, C within 8" of the bridge on the east bank. Units in the Russian HQ company can set up anywhere and split up if desired..

The remaining Italians set up on the multi-level hill.

Victory: Italians need all 3 objectives to win, Russians need 2, any other result is a draw.

Italians move first, game lasts 11-12 turns. At end of 11th turn roll a d10, 1-5 game ends, 6-10 one more turn is played